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1. SUMMARY: CHANGES IN THE EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN, INVOLVING AMENDMENTS TO LISTS A AND B, SHOULD TAKE EFFECT JAN. 1, 1975. MORE SWEEPING CHANGES IN THE RULES OF ORIGIN, SUCH AS ONES PROPOSED BY GERMANY, HAVE NOT YET MADE MUCH PROGRESS. CERTAIN RELATIVELY MINOR PROCEDURAL CHANGES HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN APPROVED. END SUMMARY.

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2. DURING MOST OF 1974 NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN GOING

ON BETWEEN THE EC AND THE EFTA STATES REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE RULES OF ORIGIN IN THE EC-EFTA "FREE TRADE" AGREEMENTS. THE END PRODUCT IS A COLLECTION OF AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO LISTS A AND B. THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE VARIOUS EC-EFTA JOINT COMMITTEES, AND THE COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED THAT THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVE REGULATIONS WHICH MAKE THESE CHANGES EFFECTIVE. THE TARGET FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION IS JANUARY 1, 1975, AND GIVEN THE LENGTHY PRIOR NEGOTIATION OF THE CHANGES, THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE OR NO PROBLEM GETTING COUNCIL APPROVAL PRIOR TO THAT DATE.

3. THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS, CONTAINED IN COM(74)1898 FINAL, IS BEING SENT DIRECTLY TO RPE (HARDING) AND COMMERCE (KRIST), AS WELL AS BY AIRGRAM. THE CHANGES AFFECT A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF PRODUCTS (MAINLY TEXTILE ITEMS IN THE CASE OF LIST A CHANGES), AND FOR THE MOST PART SEEM TO BE IN A LIBERAL DIRECTION.

4. ACCORDING TO TOBIESSEN-MEYER, THE CHIEF OF THE EC COMMISSION'S RULES OF ORIGIN DIVISION, OTHER CHANGES PROPOSED EARLIER IN THE YEAR ARE NOT DEAD BUT ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORIGIN, ALONG WITH NEW PROPOSALS BY GERMANY, FRANCE, AND FINLAND (WHICH IN EACH CASE INVOLVE ADDITIONS TO LIST B). TOBIESSEN-MEYER EXPECTS THAT EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR THE EFTA COUNTRIES WILL BE PRESENTING SOME NEW PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN LISTS A AND B, PLUS MORE GENERAL PROPOSALS, ESPECIALLY REGARDING DOCUMENTATION.

4. IN JULY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ADDRESSED TO THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS A "GREEN BOOK" ON SIMPLIFYING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CUSTOMS UNION AND THE COMMON AGRICULTURE POLICY. THIS DOCUMENT PROPOSED, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH REGARD TO ORIGIN RULES, THAT ORIGIN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ESTABLISHED WHEN PROCESSING OF A PRODUCT RESULTS IN INCREASING ITS VALUE BY 50 PERCENT OR MORE; AND THAT EXPORTERS' CERTIFICATES AS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORIGIN BE GENERALLY ACCEPTED. TOBIESSEN-MEYER SAYS THAT REVIEW OF THESE PROPOSALS IS STILL IN ITS INITIAL STAGE.

5. THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DID ON AUGUST 9 APPROVE A REGULATION, EFFECTIVE SEPT. 1, THAT PERMITS COUNTRIES TO ALLOW EXPORTERS WHO MADE "FREQUENT SHIPMENTS" TO HAVE THEIR MOVEMENT CERTIFICATES PRE-

STAMPED; OR TO STAMP THEM THEMSELVES. THIS IS A STEP TOWARD ONE OF THE GERMAN PROPOSALS (WHICH REFLECTS PRACTICE UNDER THE OLD EFTA RULES).

6. COMMENT: THERE IS SOME PRESSURE, PARTICULARLY FROM GERMANY AND SOME OF THE EFTA COUNTRIES, FOR BASIC CHANGES IN THE EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN. HOWEVER, THE ONLY PROPOSALS THAT SEEM TO BE MAKING HEADWAY ARE FOR CHANGES IN LISTS A AND B, PLUS PROCEDURAL CHANGES OF RELATIVELY LITTLE INTEREST TO THE US. EVEN THE CHANGES TO LIST A AND B, AS NOTED IN REFTL, ARE SUBJECT TO A LONG NEGOTIATING PROCESS. MYERSON

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